

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2819 without my signature.

By providing conduct credits to individuals on voluntary work release this bill would allow convicted individuals the option of reducing their sentence without actually serving time in confinement. I understand and sympathize with the growing concern about jail overcrowding in California and proposed solutions in my Strategic Growth Plan earlier this year; however reducing the time served for a voluntary work release program is an inappropriate solution to solve overcrowding. The mere option of completing ones sentence outside of jail should be enough incentive for individuals to enter a voluntary program.

For this reason, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger